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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/930,215
Filing Date	August 16, 2001
First Named Inventor	Y. WATANABE et al
Group Art Unit	2133
Examiner Name	G. LAMARRE
Attorney Docket Number	H-999

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTOISBI29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which establishes RCE practice.

### 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply  
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(e)  
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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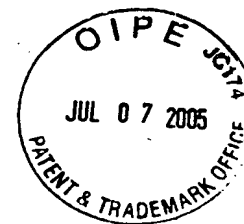
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For: DATA SYNCHRONIZATION DETECTION METHOD, INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD, AND INFORMATION REPRODUCTION METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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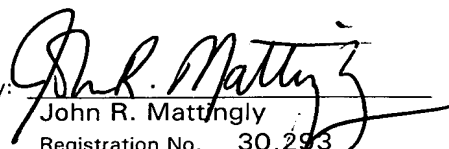
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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